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11. (U) Cote d'Ivoire's Ministry of Finance confirms that Cote d'Ivoire is funding its commitments to UNITAD via the levy of a "solidarity tax" on airline tickets. Taxes are USD 4 (CFA 2000) per ticket for short and medium distance flights (generally flights remaining on the African continent), and USD 10 for long distance flights (i.e., European destinations).

12. (SBU) Post underscored with host government officials that United States does not intend to join UNITAID, nor does it support the use of taxes on airline tickets.

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